

1 for withdrawing current final rejections based on the Rutledge reference. Nevertheless, the  
2 Examiner requested that a written response to the current Final Office Action be submitted  
3 before the final rejections could be withdrawn. The following remarks comprise that written  
4 response.

5 Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

6 Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Rutledge. A  
7 declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 was submitted affirming that applicants had completed their  
8 invention prior to the publication date of Rutledge. As evidence, applicants also submitted the  
9 document entitled "PowerCast Delivery" as evidence that applicants' invention was conceived  
10 and reduced to practice prior to the publication date of Rutledge. However, the Final Office  
11 Action indicates that the evidence submitted is insufficient to establish a conception of the  
12 invention prior to the effective date of Rutledge. More specifically, the Final Office Action  
13 indicates that the PowerCast Delivery reference "does not expressly teach the recording of  
14 presentation slides, audio and/or video content as a data stream, so that when the recording of the  
15 data stream is played, the presentation slides are displayed in synchrony reproduced audio and/or  
16 visual content on a viewer's computer" (see Final Office Action, pg. 3, lines 2-5).

17 However, as discussed above in the summary of the telephone interview, the PowerCast  
18 Delivery document does indeed teach all of the elements of applicants' claimed invention. More  
19 specifically, Figure 1, Figure 5, page 5, and page 14 of the PowerCast Delivery document  
20 illustrate and describe saving the data stream to a file while automatically embedding the slide  
21 display commands into the data stream such that when the file is played, the live portion is  
22 reproduced and the plurality of slides are displayed in substantial synchrony with the live portion  
23 as it is played, thereby replicating the live portion. For example, Figure 1, shows that an ASF  
24 stream is communicated from a NetShow Server to a device labeled "Archived ASF."  
25 Correspondingly, a section of the PowerCast Delivery document entitled "Archiving for  
26 On-Demand" explains that:

27 As the event is being distributed live, it can also be saved so that it can be  
28 viewed after the fact. This scenario is referred to as "on-demand" in NetShow's  
29 syntax so it'll be used here.

30 The ASF will be saved to the specified archive location. The default  
location for archiving broadcasts will be specified by an admin and stored in the  
registry. (PowerCast Delivery, pg. 14, lines 1-4).

1 Figure 5 of the PowerCast Delivery illustrates that the "ASF stream is comprised of  
2 audio, video, and control strings" (see pg. 5, line 1). Figure 5 also illustrates points at which a  
3 presenter triggers an advancement to a new slide, after which "[n]ew URL's are sent for a new  
4 slide change or build step" (PowerCast Delivery, pg. 5, line 4). The document further explains  
5 that "[t]he three streams are combined into one (ASF) by the Real Time Encoder (REX)"  
6 (PowerCast Delivery, pg. 5, lines 1-2). Page 12 of the document provides a table that includes an  
7 Auto Archive Directory, which defines the directory path name where the archive ASF file is to  
8 be stored.

9 Similarly, a table on page 10 includes a Source Base URL, which defines a base URL  
10 where the presentation slides are to be stored. Thus, the PowerCast Delivery document does  
11 expressly teach all of the elements of applicants' claimed invention. Accordingly, the rejection  
12 of Claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) should be withdrawn. If any further questions remain,  
13 the Examiner is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

14 Respectfully submitted,

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